

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and 18-21 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended claims 7 and 18, and have canceled claims 1-6, 11-17, and 22-57. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

In light of Applicants' election of claims 1-22, 46, 49, 50, and 53-55 for prosecution on the merits, Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 23-45, 47, 48, 51, 52, 56, and 57. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more timely filed divisional applications.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's prompt indication that claims 7-10 and 18-21 define allowable subject matter. As will be explained in more detail below, Applicants have amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance. Applicants' responses to the issues raised in the Office Action are set forth below.

Claim Amendments

Applicants have rewritten claim 7 in independent format to include all of the features of claims 1 and 2, which have been canceled herein. Applicants have rewritten claim 18 in independent format to include all of the features of claims 12 and 13, which have been canceled herein. In light of the indication in the Office Action that claims 7 and 18 define allowable subject matter, Applicants submit that independent claims 7 and 18 are in condition for allowance. Claims 8-10, each of which ultimately depends from claim 7, and claims 19-21, each of which ultimately depends from claim 18, are likewise in condition for allowance for at least the reason that these claims ultimately depend from either claim 7 or claim 18.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

As noted above, Applicants have canceled, among other claims, claims 49, 50, 54, and 55. As such, the rejection of claims 49, 50, 54, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed toward nonstatutory subject matter is moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

As noted above, Applicants have canceled, among other claims, claims 1-5, 11-16, 22, 46, 49, 50, and 53-55. As such, the rejection of claims 1-5, 11-16, 22, 46, 49, 50, and 53-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *MacDoran et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,757,916) in view of *Brebner et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0194266 A1) is moot.

In light of the cancellation of claims 6 and 17 herein, the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *MacDoran et al.* in view of *Brebner et al.*, and further in view of *Girerd et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,131,067) is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 7-10 and 18-21, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. KYWAP008).

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